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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Deborah Lynn Millner of Carol Stream; she was the beloved wife of Illinois State Senator John Millner; and

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WHEREAS, She and Senator Millner met when then Officer Millner escorted a suspect to the hospital where she worked as an X-ray technician; they spent many years covering much of the continental United States and Canada in a Corvette and a tent; they married on Three Kings Day, January 6, 1978, in St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands; and

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WHEREAS, For the next 34 years Debbie stood next to her John for all the best and worse life had to offer, making a loving and nurturing home; and

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WHEREAS, She was a loving mother, teaching her children to enjoy crafts, reading, and educational trips; she pushed both her kids to always take every opportunity to better themselves; she was an excited grandmother, thrilled with the birth of their first grandchild; she shared a special bond with him that was rare; she was able to enjoy the first photos of her second grandchild before her passing; and

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1 WHEREAS, She was a much loved big sister who enjoyed making
2 her sisters laugh; she enjoyed playing tricks on them; she also
3 hooked her sisters on crafts and brought home many stray
4 animals over her childhood days; and

5 WHEREAS, As with her immediate family, Debbie pushed her
6 friends and extended family members to be better people; her
7 engaging laugh and never ending reach to those who needed her
8 made Debbie special to all around her; and

9 WHEREAS, She was a dedicated and loving educator, teaching
10 seventh grade science at Stratford Middle School in
11 Bloomingdale; she is remembered for pushing her students to be
12 the best they could be; she had a passion to create an
13 environment for children to crave learning which encouraged
14 them to make the necessary connections to put that learning
15 into practice; and

16 WHEREAS, She was a passionate advocate for access to clean
17 water and food for everyone; her mission in life was to do her
18 part, whenever she could, to make a positive difference in the
19 lives of others; and

20 WHEREAS, She was the loving wife of Illinois State Senator
21 John Millner; she was the loving mother of Laurie Salameh and
22 John J. Millner, Jr.; she was the mother-in-law of Estephan

1 Salameh; she was the proud grandmother of Luca and Sabrina; and
2 she was the dear sister of Dawn (Ben) Scott, Laurie (David)
3 Jones, and Lisa (Matt) Waterman; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
6 her family and friends, the passing of Deborah Millner; and be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to the family of Deborah Millner as a symbol of our
10 sincere sympathy.